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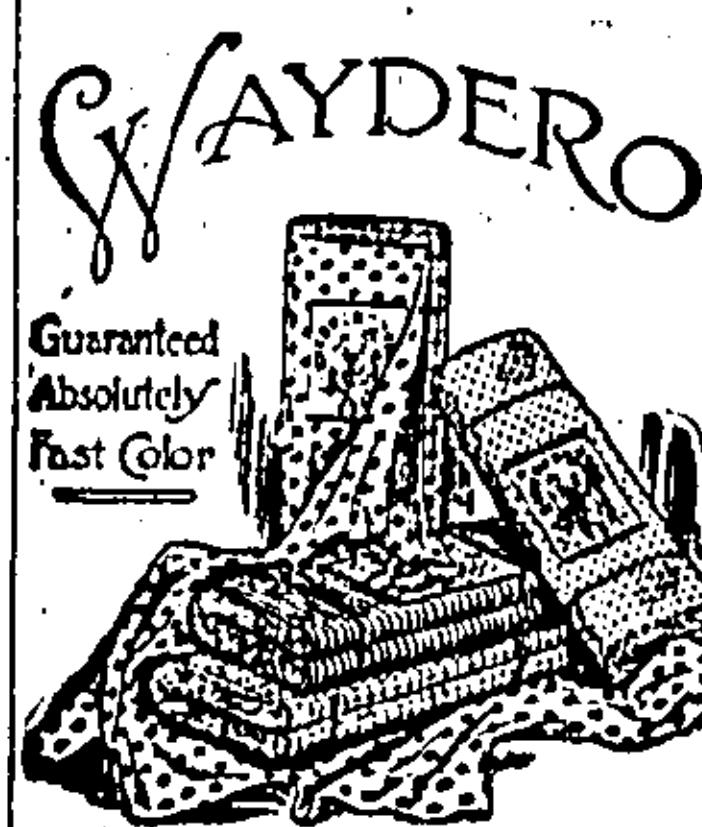
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FURTHER YANGTSE INCIDENTS.

Paris, April 22.

At the close of the Cabinet meeting this morning, the Foreign Minister, M. Briand, announced that the French and British Governments were in complete agreement with regard to the Note to be sent to the Chinese Nationalist Government concerning the Nanjing outrages.

M. Briand added that there had been complete French and British agreement as regards affairs in China.—Reuter.

YANGTSE INCIDENTS.

British Sailors Repel Coolie Stampede.

Hankow, April 22.

More troops are being moved up to meet the Fengteng troops who have advanced through Honan Province along the railway from Peking to Hankow with the object of entering Hupeh province, held by the Nationalists.—British Naval Wireless.

Hankow Posters.

Kiukiang, April 22.

A new Chinese Commissioner for Foreign Affairs has been appointed viz. Liu Hai. He is reported to be a Communist and favourable to the Hankow section. The ex-Concession was placarded with posters against Imperialism yesterday, but these were not particularly virulent or anti-British.—British Naval Wireless.

Cookies in a Fracas.

Wuhu, April 22.

Coolies attempted to rush a Butterfield and Swire hulk yesterday, suddenly boarding the latter from a river steamer brought alongside the hulk.

An armed guard of British Bluejackets withstood the rush and in the ensuing fracas, a few of the coolies received bayonet scratches.

Troops at Tatung have been disarmed by General Wang Ting-piao, of the 10th Nationalist Army.—British Naval Wireless.

Fires in Pukow.

Nanking, April 22.

The firing on Hsiakwan by the Northerners in Pukow has been returned by the Southerners who have brought the guns on Lion Hill into play. The guns have caused large fires to break out in Pukow.

On the arrival here yesterday of a China Merchants steamer from up-river, field guns from Pukow opened fire on sampans landing passengers.

The steamer was prevented from joining a British convoy. The convoy itself was not fired on.—British Naval Wireless.

HANKOW'S PLIGHT.

House to House Collection of Silver.

Rugby, April 22.

Hankow reports state that the local government is making a house to house collection of silver in the native city and is searching all Chinese pedestrians for silver.

Coal, of which there is a shortage, and rice are being commanded and rationed.

Mr. Eugene Chen had informed all local consuls that his government cannot guarantee the security of premises vacated by their owners, and has called an international meeting in the hope of getting foreigners to resume business.—British Wireless Service.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

Powers' Yangtse Blockade Threat.

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SEAMEN'S STRIKE.

Canton Government's Action.

"FATSHAN" CREW ABSENT.

Paris, April 22.

Efforts to start a seamen's strike in Canton yesterday were sternly dealt with by the city and provincial authorities.

One result, however, is that the China Navigation steamboat "Fatshan" found herself alongside the British border station, thereby severing communication with Hong Kong.

This morning unable to leave for Canton as her crew had left, with the exception of a few loyal "hands."

The Steamboat Co.'s vessels in Canton are not believed to have been implicated.

Yesterday was chosen by the Moderates for their celebration of the Nationalist Government's drive against the Communists on Good Friday.

Under pretence of joining the mass meeting and procession, the crews of all river boats were absent from the wharves at Canton yesterday.

Aim of the Strike.

The Canton Police immediately took measures, as they had been informed that the seamen were planning to strike and, when communications had been severed, to petition the Government for the release of a number of Union officials and other alleged agitators, together with the return of certain Union property.

Before the Canton authorities could take action, British Naval ratings had joined the "Fatshan" from the river gunboats and the "Fatshan" cleared for Hong Kong.

This was taken as a signal by the crews of the other river ships that the projected strike had been broken. An ultimatum was delivered verbally to the seamen by the Canton officials and the crews returned to the boats which arrived in Hong Kong yesterday evening, several hours late.

Loyalists in Control.

These other ships are able to resume the run, as they have their crews. The "Fatshan" came down without a crew and therefore did not sail this morning.

On the Nationalist Government hearing of the Communist plot to retaliate by a general strike in Canton, orders were given to restrict the demonstration at East Parade ground and to cancel the subsequent procession.

Tension has increased and a state of strict vigilance prevails. In no instance have the Communists been reported to have got the upper hand. The authorities do not anticipate a general strike and in Fatshan, an important city further up River, the loyal troops have scored several successes against the local Extremists, many of whom were disarmed without resistance.

THIRTY YEARS' JAIL.

PLOTTERS AGAINST DUCE SENTENCED.

Rome, April 22.

Zaniboni, Capello and in default Ursella have been sentenced to thirty years' imprisonment, Ducci to twelve years and month, Nicoloso and Luigi Calligari to ten years, ten months and twenty days, Riva to six years and Angelo Calligari, to four months' imprisonment. Celotti has been acquitted. The sentences on the first three accorded with the public prosecutor's previous demand.—Reuter.

[The frank admission that he intended to assassinate Signor Mussolini was made by Zaniboni, who was surprised on December 4, 1926, with a rifle in a room opposite a balcony of the Chic Palace, where Signor Mussolini was due to appear. Capello and six others were placed on trial with him on a charge of conspiring against the State and of attempting to take the life of the Duce. Zaniboni declared that he would undoubtedly have killed Mussolini had the police not arrested him when they did. He intended the assassination to be accompanied by an attack with 200 men on the Fascists outside the palace, but as all attempts to collect the men failed, he decided to act alone.]

British Sailor Stabbed.

Shanghai, April 22.

A message from Hankow, dated the 21st, stated that two British sailors while in rickshaws yesterday were attacked by a mob of coolies. One of them was stabbed twice.—Reuter.

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BORDER INCIDENT.

Strikers Make off With Engines.

RAILWAY TRAFFIC STOPPED.

Joining the campaign to defy the Nationalist Government, "Red" drivers on the Kowloon-Canton Railway made off with two locomotives from Samchun, the British border station, thereby severing communication with Hong Kong.

This occurred shortly before the daily express was due to leave Kowloon at 8.05 a.m. with passengers.

They were met at the station by the British Ambassador, the King and Queen of Spain, General Amindo, Minister of the Interior, and many members of the British Colony.

A large crowd cheered the royal visitors as they drove to the palace.—British Wireless Service.

VISIT TO SPAIN.

Popular British Princes At Madrid.

Rugby, April 22.

The Prince of Wales and Prince George, accompanied by Brigadier-General Trotter, arrived in Madrid this morning on a visit to the King and Queen of Spain.

They were met at the station by the British Ambassador, the King and Queen of Spain, General Amindo, Minister of the Interior, and many members of the British Colony.

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JUMP INTO SPACE.

British Airman's Lucky Escape.

ESCAPE FROM CERTAIN DEATH.

Rugby, April 22.

An officer of the Royal Air Force made a parachute descent to-day from a height of 8,000 feet and landed safely. He was Flight Lieutenant David Daucy Greig, of the Central Flying School.

He had gone up from Oneley in a single seater fighting plane to carry out special tests.

Suddenly the machine was seen to be out of control and to be spinning towards the ground at a terrific speed.

For some moments Greig could be seen making a desperate but vain effort to regain control.

A few seconds later when the machine appeared to be falling like a stone the airman was seen to jump from the pilot's seat.

He was falling like a stone when to the relief of the onlookers his parachute opened and he made a prolonged but safe descent, reaching the ground about two miles from his starting point.

The aeroplane struck the earth several minutes earlier and burst into flames.—British Wireless Service.

MEXICAN HORROR.

Return of the Relief Train.

TERRIBLY POIGNANT SCENES.

Rugby, April 22.

The spectacle of sobbing men, shrieking women and wailing children alighting from the carriages completely overcame the crowds lining the platform on the arrival of the relief train bearing the survivors of the train outrage.

Men broke down and cried and women fainted and became hysterical. One, on learning that her husband was among the killed, shrieked and endeavoured to tear off her clothes and throw herself under a train.

A young man alighted from a Pullman car with a maniacal laugh and invited his friends to dance. It transpired that he was insane as a result of the tragedy in which his wife and three children were butchered.

Another man returned with three girls from a family of eleven. Altogether twenty children were massacred.

Some bore gaping wounds similar to those caused by dum dum bullets. Men in the crowd cried piteously at the sight of three children wrapped in blankets to cover their hideous burns.—Reuter's American Service.

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H.M.S. "Stirling" returned to harbour yesterday morning and the Company's "Tjilsoen," which had been assisting in the salvage, also returned yesterday. The Taikoo Dock tug remains at the scene.

When the thunderstorm was at its height, there were fears that the "Tjilleboet" would be badly damaged through being bumped against the rocks where she ran aground in the fog.

The Java China Japan Lijn are now of the opinion that the damage is not so great and efforts are still being made to refloat the vessel.

CHINA COAST.

GAZETTE OF THE LATEST
CHANGES.

Mr. J. H. McLaren, second officer, "Nanchang," has gone second officer, "Antung."

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LLOYD'S ARMS.

IMPORTANT GRANT BY COLLEGE OF HERALDS.

LA LUTINE CREST.

The Grant of Arms to the Corporation of Lloyd's by the College of Heralds is an important matter, and it is somewhat surprising that so great an institution as Lloyd's should have gone so long without proper armorial bearings.

It is true that for many years Lloyd's has had a badge, and that on all Lloyd's policies there has figured the "foul anchor," which is part of the bearings of the new Coat, but neither badges nor seals carry the hall-mark which is given by the College of Heralds in a Coat of Arms, and it is most satisfactory that Lloyd's is now able to incorporate in the decorative scheme of the new Lloyd's Building, the emblemation of what is a very attractive and appropriate design.

Heraldic Description.

Described in heraldic terms, the Coat is as follows:-

Arms per fesse Argent and Azure, in chief a Cross within the lower canton a sword erect Gules, and in base a fouled anchor in bend sinister Or.

Crest.—Upon waves of the sea a representation of H.M.S. "La Lutine," 32-gun frigate, in full sail all proper.

Supporters.—A Sea Lion proper, the head and mane Or, supporting a Trident erect, also proper.

In heraldic language, the above may be described as a shield in which the upper half is a silver ground, with a red cross and sword, the latter being in the left upper quarter of the field covered by the cross. It may be explained that the description of this sword as being in the "Dexter," or right canton, is heraldically correct, because in heraldry Arms are described in terms applying to one holding the shield, so that to those looking at it the right and left are reversed.

Further Details.

This cross and sword are, of course, the familiar City of London Arms, and emphasise the connection between Lloyd's and the City. In the lower half of the shield, on a blue field, is the "foul anchor" of Lloyd's, in gold, "in bend sinister," meaning that it is inclined from right to left, the flukes of the anchor being in the lower left hand portion of the base of the shield.

Cost of New Ships.

Financial and technical details of ships now under construction are published for the first time.

The cost of the battleship "Nelson," built by Armstrong, Whitworth and Co., is £6,453,879,

complete with armament; that of her sister ship, "Rodney," built by Cammell Laird and Co., is £6,566,844.

By way of comparison the battle-cruiser "Hood," a much larger ship, cost £6,225,000.

The "Nelson" type is remarkable

for its large fuel capacity, 4,000

tons, which greatly exceeds that of earlier battleships.

The five cruisers of the "Kent" class, the first to be built under Washington Treaty rules, also carry 3,400

tons of oil in their bunkers, and will, therefore, have an exceptionally wide range of action.

This class of vessel is 590 ft. in length, with a beam of

68 ft. 4 in., and a draught of

16 ft. 3 in., the lines being less

than those of our previous

cruisers. The five ships have averaged £2,000,000 each. Two

destroyers, "Amazon" and

"Ambuscade," have cost £383,994

and £346,489. Submarine con-

ed at the present time.

The present writer believes that he can throw some light on at least part

of this problem, for when, in 1923

Lloyd's Swimming Club was found

ed permission was sought from the

Committee for the use of the Lloyd's badge as the insignia of mem

bership, and those who have attended

the popular entertainments of the

club will have noticed that this

suspicion was given.

Pleasing Signification.

It is stated that Cicero, in his

"Tuscan Disputations," defines

this word as meaning "that, by

which in great and honourable un

dertakings our minds lay up in

others' confidence and assured

hope." Great and honourable un

dertakings are those in which mem

bers of Lloyd's have ever dealt,

confidence and assured hope are

qualities to good underwriting.

Could anything be more apt, then

than the choice of this single word

as signifying the essential func

tion of Lloyd's in the world's com

merce?

Elsewhere the question has been

raised as to why Lloyd's has not

previously had a Coat-of-Arms, and

why one has been sought and grant

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SEA POWER.

THE MOVEMENT TO THE EAST.

ADMIRALTY EXPENSES.

That the coal stoppage was mainly responsible for the reduction of £100,000 in the Navy Estimates for 1927, which total £58,000,000, is made clear by the First Lord's explanatory memorandum, writes the naval corres

pondent of the "Observer."

Owing to the shortage of material, building operations on all new ships had to be slowed down during the second half of last year, with the result that less

money was spent on these vessels than had been anticipated.

Further, the ships to be laid

down in 1927 is a flotilla leader—the first of its type to be built

since the war—and two mine-sweepers of a new class, primarily designed for service on foreign stations. Of the twenty

vessels of the new programme, all save two cruisers are to be ordered from private yards. This

large batch of Admiralty contracts should give a much-needed fillip to the shipbuilding industry.

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their time to it as a scientific study. And the fact remains that nearly all our best amateurs owe their success to the coaches who trained them when they attended Britain's public schools.

The absence of open-air band concerts in Hong Kong has been the subject of editorial comment at the approach of each summer, but thanks to local enterprise and the willingness of the regimental authorities this year, the presence in the Colony of an augmented garrison due to the diversion of units of the Shanghai Defence Force has enabled—and, it is to be hoped, will continue to enable—music lovers to enjoy a unique experience in the combination of Regimental bands at public performances. Sunday is regarded as a day of rest, and relaxation and sitting quietly listening to music certainly carries out that conception of the day besides producing a peacefulness which outlasts Sunday and is a material help in the week. Few people realise the true relationship between good music and religion but those that have noticed the uplifted atmosphere of a Cathedral know that it is largely due to the wonderful music poured forth by the organ. Music is the language of religion, as Bach and Handel and all great musicians emphasise. The large attendance at the concerts which have been arranged locally is proof of the recognition among music lovers of the refining and elevating influence of the good music to which they have been treated.

Shareholders present were Mr. D. H. Blake, Mr. E. Abraham, Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Mr. R. L. Bridger and Mrs. M. C. C. Donald.

The attendance represented 199,520 shares in the company.

Auditors' Report.

The secretary having read the notice, the report and accounts were taken as read.

The chairman then read the report of the auditors (Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, chartered accountants) as follows:

"We have examined the above Balance Sheet with the books, accounts, and vouchers of the Company, and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

"In our opinion such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up, so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of affairs of the Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd. as at 31st December, 1926, according to the best of our information and explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Company."

Hong Kong, April 7, 1927.

An Esteemed Colleague.

In his review, the chairman said:

Before proceeding with the business of the meeting, I would like to refer, with a sense of the most profound regret, to the lamented death, in the month of May last year, of your directors' esteemed colleague, the late Hon. Sir C. P. Chater, Kt. C.M.G. Sir Paul Chater was, as you are aware, one of the promoters concerned in the formation of this company, and it is to be particularly regretted that your undertaking should, in the first year of its operation, have been deprived of the counsel of one who, by virtue of his lengthy association with the Colony and its commercial activities, could, and did, at all times, contribute to the deliberations of your board much sound advice based upon a practical knowledge as to, and unequalled experience of, local requirements.

The Accounts.

The work of the Y.M.C.A. Entertainments Committee is now in full swing and their efforts are much appreciated by the Service Men who attend the enjoyable concerts arranged for them.

On Tuesday last "The Squeakette Concert Party," under the direction of Mrs. Russell Brown, gave an excellent show in the "Better Ole" Kowloon, keeping a crowded house helpfully entertained. The Lyric Orchestra helped considerably to make the evening very enjoyable, this being their second voluntary contribution towards a successful entertainment.

On Tuesday next, at the "Better Ole" Kowloon, commencing at 7 p.m. a very fine programme is announced. By kind permission of Lt. Col. E. B. Ferrers, D.S.O., and Officers the Band of the 1st Batt. Cameronians (Scottish Rifles), Conductor Mr. Horace Dowell, L.R.A.M. will perform, besides "The J-Pans" under the direction of Miss Violet Capell. With such an excellent array of talent, the evening should be highly entertaining and attractive. All naval and military men are cordially invited.

Coming events are foreshadowed by the arrangements which are being made to give concerts under the direction of various people. Early in May a Concert Party arranged by Mr. R. H. Charles will take place, whilst in June one under the direction of Mrs. W. T. Southorn and another under the direction of Mr. J. H. Donnithorne will be provided. These will be held in the "Better Ole" Peking Road Y.M.C.A. Kowloon. There is at least one concert being arranged each week at this place, when various novelty items will be introduced.

Besides these concerts parties are put out to the 7th General Hospital Kowloon, to bring cheer to the Staff and patients.

The Committee will always welcome any offer of help from anyone who is willing to contribute to the concert programmes, and they invite those who have not done so to communicate with either Mr. R. Sutherland of Jardine, Matheson Ltd., who is the Chairman, or Mr. T. V. Harmon, Y.M.C.A. Hon. Secretary.

Amounts Written Off.

On perusal, you will have observed

that the balance standing to the credit of Profit & Loss Account at Dec. 31, 1926, amounted to \$194,708.56, which balance was arrived at after providing \$181,052.05

for depreciation; \$25,934.00 for the payment to the Government in respect of royalties in accordance with the terms of our franchise;

\$5,527.89 for the purpose of writing off a portion of the preliminary expenses in connection with the formation of the company; and \$6,682.24 for writing off bad debts.

In this latter connection I would point out that it was inevitable

that, as a result of the disturbed

conditions prevailing in the Colony,

in the latter portion of the year

1926 and the early part of 1926,

and the consequent general exodus

to Canton, this company—in com-

mon with other public utility con-

cerns—should have to bear losses

in connection with defaulting sub-

scribers. I am pleased to state,

however, that the system of deposit

accounts which we have since in-

stituted minimises to a large ex-

tent the risk of similar losses being

sustained in the future.

More Subscribers.

During the year under review, as

the result of re-organisation at the

main exchange, the service has been

materially improved—this being re-

flected by the diminution in the

number of complaints recorded;

furthermore, the number of sub-

scribers has been increased by the

addition of 488 exchange lines and

38 extension lines, which I venture

to think you cannot but regard as

very satisfactory.

Premium & Reserve.

On the "liabilities" side of the

Balance Sheet you will observe that the issued capital of the company now stands at \$1,922,600 and the Share Premium Account at \$209,401. The General Reserve shows a credit of \$25,000, which was the amount voted to that account at the last annual general meeting therefore in the event of

the meeting proposed by Mr. E. Abraham.

Re-election of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews as audi-

tors for the year (at a fee of

\$2,400, covering monthly audit-

ing of the accounts)—proposed

by Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, seconded

by Mr. E. Abraham.

Other Business.

Mr. W. McC. Kirkpatrick secon-

ded. No question was put and the motion was carried unanimous.

Other business transacted by

the meeting comprised:

Confirmation of the appoint-

ment of Mr. B. Lander Lewis as

director and of Mr. J. H. Tag-

gart as managing director, also

the re-election of the Hon. Sir

Shou-sun Chow and Mr. R. G.

Showan to the Board—proposed

by Mr. E. Abraham.

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tors for the year (at a fee of

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by Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, seconded

by Mr. E. Abraham.

TELEPHONE CO.

2ND ANNUAL MEETING

TO-DAY.

AN AUTOMATIC SERVICE?

Steps taken to secure expert

opinion on the possibilities of an

automatic service in the Colony,

prior to final consideration of the

scheme, were outlined at to-day's

second annual meeting of the Hong

Kong Telephone Co., Ltd., held in

Exchange Building.

Supporting Mr. J. Scott Harston

(chairman) were Mr. J. H. Taggart

(managing director), the Hon. Dr. R. H.

Kotewall, Mr. R. G. Shewan, Mr. B.

Lander Lewis, Mr. T. G. Wealth, Mr.

W. H. Bell (directors), Mr. J. P.

Sherry (manager) Mr. Guy Wil-

son (secretary) and Mr. W.

McC. Kirkpatrick (attorney for the

China and Japan Telephone and

Electric Co., Ltd., which holds

140,000 shares in the Hong Kong

company).

Turning to the assets side of the

Balance Sheet, two items appear to

call for particular comment, namely,

the expenditure of \$269,042.36

in respect of addition to plant, and

\$36,611.69, which you will find under

the heading "Automatic Plant

—Preliminary Expenses."

Changing the Lines.

The major portion of the expendi-

ture in respect of the first of these

two items covers matters of a per-

manent

MANY "SHADES."

The Political China of To-day.

EACH FACTION'S TERRITORY.

(By "Li Chung-yin.")

Serious as the menace to General Chiang Kai-shek is through the secession of the Communists, the Cantonese commander-in-chief still holds the greater part of the territory conquered and, of the greatest importance, he has the maritime provinces while the Extremists are enclosed in Central China without seaport.

The accompanying rough sketch map shows how the eighteen provinces of China Proper are "governed" to-day.

First of all, it should be emphasised that the people themselves have little or no say as to their political inclinations nor can their tendencies be defined, even vaguely.

"Policies" are decided by the party in the ascendant or, bluntly, by the circumstances in which each big general finds himself.

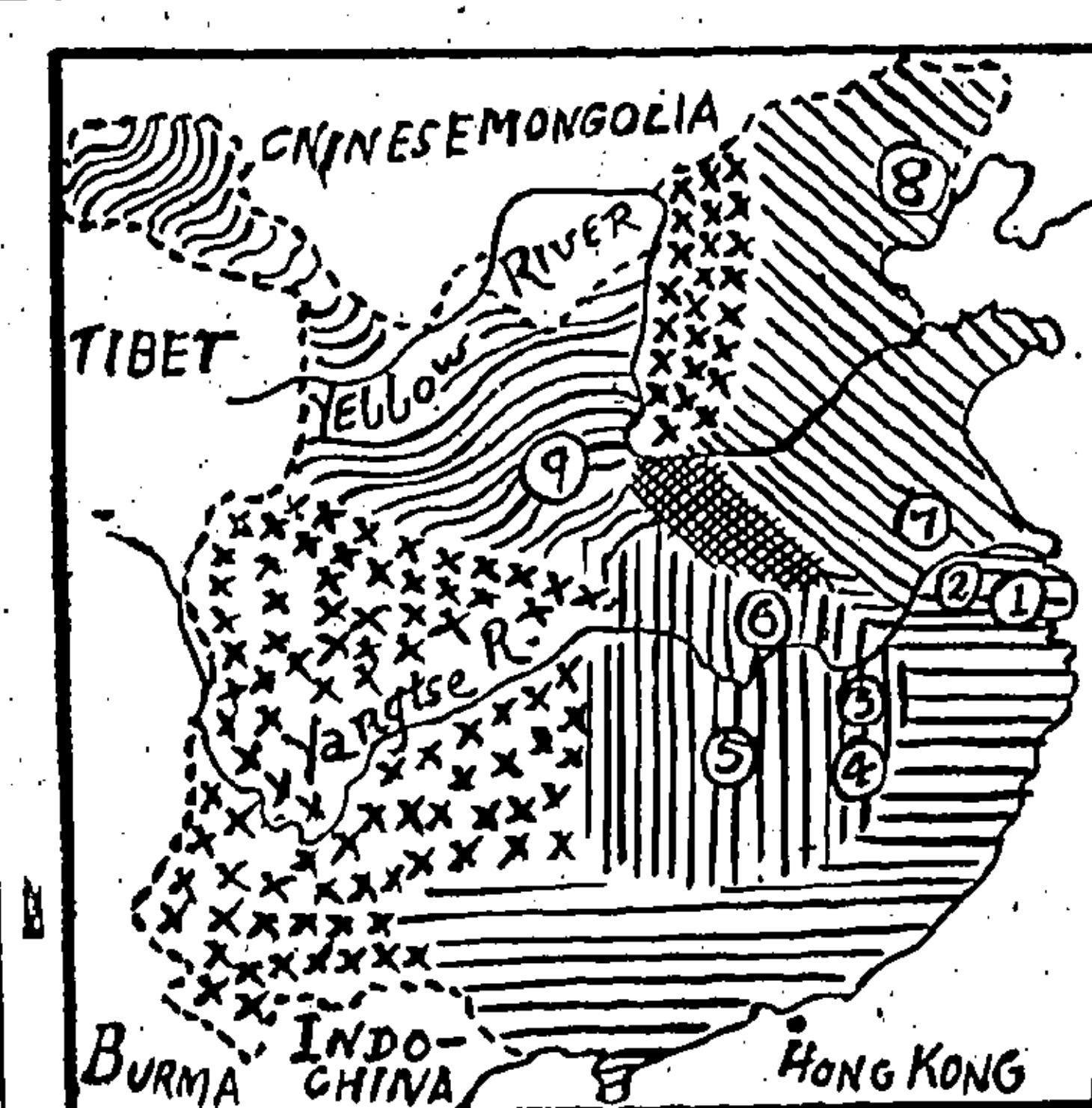
Although the Moderates still hold the southern seaboard, the Kuomintang cause has received a serious setback through this internal strife.

Problem for the Powers.

If only theoretically, General Chiang Kai-shek has lost diplomatic prestige. Just as will the diplomats have to deal with Hankow as the accepted seat of government of the Nationalists. It is only logical to assume that Hankow will certainly not consult Chiang Kai-shek in shaping their relations.

Of primary interest to the world at large is the Nanking protest and its sequel.

The Moderates now hold Nanking (as will be seen in the map).

**CHINA PROPER AS IT IS DIVIDED TO-DAY.****EXPLANATIONS:**

territory shaded with horizontal lines—provinces controlled by General Chiang Kai-shek and the Moderates.

vertical lines—Communists.
oblique lines—Northerners (i.e., Marshal Chang Tso-lin's Fengtien Party; General Chang Tsung-cheng of Shantung and Marshal Sun Chun-fang).

small dark shaded patch—Marshal Wu Pei-fu.
wavy lines—General Feng Yu-hsiang (the "Christian general").

General Ching Chien, whose men are alleged to have been responsible for the outrages on foreigners, has left Nanking for Hankow.

Diplomatic Puzzle.

Should the Powers hand the second Note to Hankow, will the Foreign Ministry there be able to lay down the law to city outside its jurisdiction? Or having dealt with Hankow in the first instance, through the accepted diplomatic channel, can the Powers now turn to Chiang Kai-shek instead?

Whereas previously, there has been much talk of "recognising" the Kuomintang regime at Hankow as representative of the southern half of China, that administration is now divided into two specific and antagonistic parts, each rapidly setting up its own administration.

The natural conclusion then is that the Powers will find it more difficult than, say three months ago, to point to which Government is the one to approach.

As to actual territory, it should be added that Marshal Chang Tso-lin (the Fengtien Party) also holds the three provinces adjoining the north-east of China, forming Manchuria, and not shown in the sketch map.

Near His Friends.

Similarly, the Christian general's sphere of influence extends largely into Chinese Mongolia and

even into Mongolia itself, where he is side by side with Russia.

In China Proper, Feng Yu-hsiang has the two provinces in the north-west, known as Kansu and Shensi, which abut on Central China.

As the successor to Chiang Kai-shek, the Hankow politicians have appointed Feng Yu-hsiang commander-in-chief of their armies. A moot point is raised as to whether he will forsake his refuge and come down to join the fray along the Yangtze River, or follow the Yellow River in another bid for Peking.

The Extremists have Hupeh and Hunan provinces and the greater part of Kiangsi province which adjoins General Chiang Kai-shek's holding. An advance army of 7,500 strong was reported to be marching from Kiukiang down the River.

Cut Off From Russia!

A factor which seems to have escaped the attention of military experts is that the Chinese Communists are now practically cut off from direct Russian assistance. Canton is "Moderate" so that no Soviet arms are likely to go there for some time. Every other part of the coast is also hostile. Going up the Yangtze from the sea would be too venturesome as the Moderates hold the south bank and the Northern Allies the north bank of the estuary. The memory of the "Pamiat Lenina" on which Madame Borodin was captured is still fresh. She was on her way to Hankow by the river route.

From the sketch it will be seen that in the interior, the Communist ground just touches the Christian general's zone. He is getting guns and munitions from Russia via the North, and he can send aid down to Hankow by a tortuous overland road that is almost impassable for an army marching direct.

Chiang Kai-shek started with the provinces of Kwangtung and Kwangsi. He subdued in turn

CHINA'S CHAOS.**Confusion of Nationalist Quarrel.****THREE GOVERNMENTS TO-DAY.**

How Canton's financial resources will help General Chiang Kai-shek is explained in the following:

Shanghai, April 18.

The disintegration of the Nationalist Government continues each day to make itself more noticeable.



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Mr. T. V. Soong, brother-in-law of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen and Nationalist Minister of Finance.

Yesterday, the information arrived that the Central Bank in Canton with specie reserve of \$3,000,000 had been taken over by the Canton Provincial Government and that Mr. Koo Ying-fan, an adherent of General Li Chia-sun and a former appointee of Mr. Hu Han-min's, had taken the place of Mr. T. V. Soong's appointees.

The specie reserve of the bank was built up during Mr. Soong's management.

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The Hankow Central Executive Committee has appointed officials for Kiangsu and Chekiang provinces whom General Chiang Kai-shek will not recognise as he regards them as Communists or pro-Communists.

As a matter of fact, as the Hankow executive has dismissed General Chiang Kai-shek, Mr. Que Tai-chi and others, it is only natural that they should retaliate by disregarding Hankow.

At the same time, local appointments are being made by Generals Chiang Kai-shek, Pei Chung-hsi and Chow Feng-chi which are sometimes contradictory, several men being appointed to the same position.

So far as finances are concerned, it is understood that Mr. Soong could not accept responsibility for assuming office under such conditions and that he insists that there must be unified responsibility in his department. Breach with Hankow Complete.

As the military are completely in control here, such unity is not possible.

Although we have not been able to confirm this directly, it is believed that this is one reason why Mr. Soong refuses to act locally.

The Nanking Conference is beginning to act against the Communists throughout their territory.

A Central Control Committee has been organised which has impeached the Communists in a virulent statement which has appeared in the Chinese Press.

This impeachment is the last step in effecting a definite break with Hankow.

There are then three distinct Governments in China now: Peking, Hankow and Nanking.—"North China Daily News."

HOSPITAL COMFORTS.**TWO SEWING MACHINES NEEDED.**

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Record of Long Service.

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ITALY'S LABOUR.**Attempts to Prevent Disputes.****GOVERNMENT'S CHARTER.**

Rome, April 22.

The celebrations of the anniversary of the foundation of Rome were made the occasion of the publication of the Government's charter of labour crystallising Signor Mussolini's efforts to wipe out strikes and lock-outs.

The charter embodies the principles governing hours, wages and conditions and provides that production must be centred on the general conception of the well-being and greatness of the entire nation.

Syndical organisations must be formed under State direction the membership of which must be free.

Capital and Labour must be conciliated or disputes submitted to "Labour magistrates."

It is announced that the enrolled Fascists total 2,168,821, besides considerable numbers enrolled in the Fascist trade unions.

Private initiative in production being regarded as the most efficient instrument in the national interests, the organiser of a company is responsible to the State for production.

Professional associations of employers are obliged in every way to promote the increase of production and the reduction of costs.

The State will intervene to control or assist the management only when private initiative fails or the political interests of the State are involved.

Night work is to be paid for higher than day work. A worker is entitled to an annual paid holiday after a year of uninterrupted service.

Compensation must be paid in respect of unjustified dismissal, also in the event of his death.

The Fascist State proposed measures to improve accident and unemployment insurance, to extend maternity insurance, to initiate general insurance against all illness, and to introduce special endowment insurance for young workers.

Home workers are to be included in the benefits of the discipline and collective labour contract.

Reuter.

The satchel that was lost this week by Mr. G. F. H. Taylor (Sub-Inspector of Lighthouses) in a taxi from central to Kennedy Town, with departmental papers inside, has been recovered.

The gift or loan of two sewing-machines, for the use of the Nursing Staff at the No. 7 General Hospital, Kowloon, would be greatly appreciated. The machines might be sent direct to the Hospital or to Mr. E. Ralphs or Mr. A. Morris at the Education Offices.

EASTERN PORTS' HEALTH.

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended April 16 is as follows:

Plague: 4 cases at Rangoon, 1 at Singapore.

Cholera: 1 case at Rangoon, 8 at Bangkok, 8 at Haiphong, 16 at Saigon.

Small-pox: 66 cases at Rangoon, 4 at Tuticorin, 9 at Bangkok, 1 at Macao, 3 at Dairen, 1 at Hakodate.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

New boys-boarders and day boys will be admitted on Monday and Tuesday to the Diocesan Boys' School.

The Old Bailey murder trial—in full week which lasted for just six minutes, must be a record in that category, though there are other cases in which the law has combined efficiency with dispatch. The woman who slashed a portrait in the Academy during the Suffrage agitation was sentenced by judge and jury within twenty-four hours. The murderer of Percival in the House of Commons in 1812 was not allowed a week in which to repent. The Prime Minister was shot on a Tuesday, and Bellingham was tried on the Friday and hanged on the following Monday morning.

"Once you are a Government servant you know no holidays," said Mr. R. E. Lindsell (senior magistrate) at the Police Court yesterday. Two of three defendants before him were Chinese firemen and he suggested that they should be reported to the Chief Officer. Mr. Horace Lo, defending, submitted that his clients were not in uniform and on holiday whereupon His Worship made the remark quoted. All three men were charged with demanding money with menaces, at a club. The charge was dismissed as His Worship held that complainant had not given proper information to the Police.

"Puppy love-affairs and money troubles" are described by the Anti-Suicide Club of New York University as the prime causes of the epidemic of suicides which is afflicting the student bodies of the United States. The Anti-Suicide Club has just been formed. Its members, after a spectacular debate, issued a solemn invitation to the chief universities of America to form similar clubs "for the purpose of combating the present-day tendency toward self-destruction among students." The debate resulted in a unanimous expression of opinion "that over-education resulting in mental disorder is not a cause of student suicide." The prime cause, the club declared, must be sought rather in extravagance and immoderation in the material things of life.

Annoyed because his winning try had been disallowed, a player named Wisler, in the Rugby Cup de France competition, at Montpelier, near Marais, disgustedly retired to the dressing-room and blew out his brains.

The "Government Gazette" notifies that, three months hence the Tai Yuen Hotel Co., Ltd. will, unless cause is shown to the contrary, be struck off the Companies Register and the company will be dissolved.

Secrets of glass-making, known to the Egyptians, lost for centuries, then used in China, lost again, and not discovered in England till recent years, were among the revelations made by Sir Herbert Jackson, F.R.S., at the Royal Institution in a lecture on "Some colouring agents in glass and glazes." Sir Herbert has reproduced a brilliant scarlet non-transparent glass used by the Egyptians, the composition of which had puzzled generations of scientists. He admitted his debt to Professor Norman Collie, of University College, London, for his success in this. Professor Collie showed to a reporter a fragment of this Egyptian glass, which is known as "sang-de-boeuf," and said: "In about 1,420 a similar glaze was used in China, probably discovered independently, but the secret was lost again. Now we have it for good, and the secret of centuries is known once more."

Will the activity of the League of Nations in regard to the white slave traffic result in the revival of those sensational stories which used to pass from lip to lip not so many years ago? These tales told, for example, how two young girls in a good position in society were shopping with their mother at—'s, the name of any well-known shop was mentioned, and were left by her for a short time while she went to another department. Enter a supposed hospital nurse with a tale of the mother's sudden illness. She takes the girls away with her and they are never seen again. The credence that such ridiculous stories, false on the face of them, obtained was amazing. No one stopped to ask how it was known what the "nurse" said to her victims, or how it was that the town was ringing to the hue and cry that must inevitably follow such a disappearance. The white slave traffic is a real evil, but it is not carried on, at any rate in Great Britain, on the melodramatic lines which credulous people believe.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

The name of Mr. Frederick Munford has been added to the Colony's list of authorised architects.

Gunner T. A. Martin has been appointed a second lieutenant in the Hong Kong Volunteers.

The title and privileges of Bishop Assistant to the Pontifical Throne have been bestowed by the Pope on the Right Rev. Dr. Keily, Roman Catholic Bishop of Plymouth.

Dr. William Leslie Thomas has been appointed a member of the Advisory Committee of the Peak Hospital during the absence on leave of Dr. Stuart S. Strahan, M.B., B.Ch.

It is officially announced that Sir Basil Blackett's term of office as Finance Member of the Government of India has been extended until April 7, 1928. The extension has been received with general satisfaction in Indian banking and commercial circles in Calcutta.

General Bramwell Booth spent his 71st birthday in a quiet retreat in the country where he is engaged on literary work.

There are no bequests to charitable societies or institutions in the will of the late Sir Robert William Buchanan Jardine, which has been lodged at the Register House, Edinburgh. The provisions are of a family nature, with the exception of a number of bequests to employees, etc. The testator had subscribed to many charities during his lifetime.

The death has occurred, according to a message from Edmonton, of Mr. William McLellan, a pioneer farmer of the Alberta district, at the age of 106.

A message cable from Nelson, British Columbia, announces the death there, at the age of 76, of Mrs. Charlotte Edith Henderson-Cleland, one of the last survivors of the Siege of Lucknow, which she went through as a child. She was the daughter of Captain Fletcher Hayes, who died in the siege, and the widow of Major-General J. W. Henderson-Cleland.

Professor Langener had the honour of appearing before the King and Queen of Siam and members of the Royal Family in Bangkok on April 12. Their Majesties were highly pleased at the two and a half hours entertainment of occult science, and congratulated the Professor.

By the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Fellows, at the age of 103, at Khartoum Road, Highfield, Southampton, has lost its oldest inhabitant. She was born there, but for some years she resided in Croydon. Her father lived to be 84, and other members of the family were octogenarians. She had been a widow for fifty-seven years, and a daughter is now the only survivor.

Sir Hubert Llewellyn Smith, who is 62, retired on March 31 from the post of Chief Economic Adviser to the Government. On one occasion Sir Hubert received a letter addressed simply, "Slew Smith, Whitehall." Although posted at a port on the Caspian Sea, it arrived safely at the Board of Trade offices in Great George Street, S.W. The envelope contained information asked for while Sir Hubert was negotiating a Customs agreement and tariff with Persia on behalf of the British Government in 1920. Sir Hubert is chairman of the British Institute of Industrial Art, which seeks for more intimate co-operation between art and industry, and is a sketcher of no mean order. As vice-president of the Board of Trade Council—he was Permanent Secretary to the Board from 1907 to 1919—he is reputed to have a knowledge of trade and industry unrivalled in the Civil Service.

While ex-King Manuel's luck has not been conspicuous in the baccarat room at Cannes, His Majesty drew the winning number in a charity tombola at the Casino, which brought him 6-h.p. motor-car. Having little use for it, since he has one or two of his own, slightly larger dimensions, ex-King Manuel handed it back for raffling.

Chief Detective Inspector Tim Murphy of the Hong Kong Police goes home on ten months leave next week to the "Maha," Det. Inspector A. N. Reynolds (who is now in charge of murder cases) will be acting in his place. Det. Sub-Inspector L. P. Lane will act for Inspector Reynolds. Tim Murphy is one of the most popular figures in the Force and many friends wish him a bumper holiday.

Following a slight heart attack Sir Michael Bruce collapsed in Whitehall just after leaving the Foreign Office, and was taken to Charing Cross Hospital. He was able to leave for home an hour or two later, after treatment and a rest. Sir Michael collapsed in Oxford Circus last year and was taken to Middlesex Hospital. In 1925, he was knocked down by a motor-car in Trafalgar Square. A little later he stopped a runaway horse in Bristol, and recently he helped to administer morphine to a dying officer who was pinned under an Underground train for 90 minutes. Sir Michael, who is 33, is the 11th baronet, and a descendant of Robert Bruce, King of Scotland. He has had an adventurous career as a soldier and big-game hunter, and has written songs from the saddle. In 1925 he married Miss Doreen Greenwell of Cheltenham.



Mrs. Vincent Massey, wife of Canada's first Minister to the United States.

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SPORTS SECTION

YACHT CLUB.

COST OF BEING AN OWNER.

VALUE AFTER 5 YEARS.

(By "Chau Kung.")

I have been asked "What would a good little ship of about 20 feet on the water line and about 27 feet over all cost—and how much to run?"

I think you would get the boat built in teak and fitted with sails for about \$1,500 whilst to fit her out would cost about another \$200. If a small motor were required another \$350 would have to be found making the total cost round about \$2,000.

The accommodation would be such that it would be very comfortable for 2 or 3, for a 3 or 4 days' cruise, provision being made for an ice-box and a good big cock-pit with about 9 feet, 3 or 4 inches of head room in the cabin. The cost of running such a boat including "boy's" wages and allowing for proper slipping and painting would be about \$33 to \$35 a month.

There would have to be an allowance made for running and standing gear, new sails etc., which would probably average at \$10 to \$12 a month. No allowance has been made for insurance or for depreciation but if kept up as she well could be at the figures given, she should maintain her value very well and if sold in 5 or 6 years' time, the return would not be very much—say at most \$1,200 to \$1,300—less than what she cost to build. I would ask "Would one be likely to get the same return on a car after 5 years?"

Racing this afternoon at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club will be for boats which have not won this season. The course will be Lyemun Beacon (p), mark on line (R), Channel Rocks (s)—7.8 miles.

The following are eligible to compete:—"Falcon," "Argyll II," "Sealark," "Adèle," "Adanac," "Zephyr" and "Jonn." A prize has been donated for the race which is to start at 2.45.

A menagerie race over a course of Channel Rocks (p), Kowloon Rock (p), mark on line (s), Cust Rock buoy (R), Channel Rocks (s) = 8.3 miles, will be held for those members who wish to race, the starting gun being at 3 p.m.

A keel has been laid down to the order of Major J. P. S. Greig and Capt. E. H. L. Jacob-Larkeon, R.E.'s for the new "Typhoon" class.

I hear that "Typhoon" was out on Monday last with two reefs down and, made very good going between Lam Tung and Waglan, going along fast and without much fuss. The dropping of the sail plan by 3 inches and lowering of the mast 6 inches together with the lightening of the gaff having brought about a big improvement in her behaviour in a heavy wind. It was told that she out-weathered and out-footed a Heyward-Hays which ranged up for a "tryout."

The chartering arrangements are completed now and I understand she will be available next week for her first hirers.

LOCAL RACING.

PROGRAMME FOR NEXT MEETING.

For the Hong Kong Jockey Club's 3rd extra race meeting of the season on May 7, the programme is as follows:

1.—Colonial Stakes: Five furlongs.

2.—Commonwealth Handicap "C" Class: Six furlongs.

3.—Commonwealth Handicap "B" Class: Six furlongs.

4.—Third Aggregate Stakes: One mile.

5.—Commonwealth Handicap "A" Class: Six furlongs.

6.—Empire Handicap "B" Class: One and a quarter miles.

7.—Union Plate: Six furlongs.

For sub-griffins of this season that have not won more than one official race. Winners 5 lbs. penalty.

8.—Imperial Plate: One mile.

Sub-griffins of any season, and non-winning griffins of this season. Weight for inches. Sub-griffins of this season 5 lbs. allowance. Winners of one race 5 lbs.; of two races 10 lbs.; of three or more races 15 lbs. penalty. Jockey allowance.

9.—Empire Handicap "A" Class: One and a quarter miles.

C.C.C. LAWN BOWLS TEAM.

The following have been selected to represent Craggengower Cricket Club in a friendly lawn bowls match against the East Point Recreation Club, at the C.C.C. green to-day, at 3.30 p.m.:

F. J. Neves, D. Fritz, C. M. Alves, U. M. Omar (skip).

J. A. Rose, M. A. Souza, C. S. Bennett, R. Bass (skip).

R. F. Lux, G. S. Rossetti, A. Arculli, D. Rumjahn (skip).

D. Kharas, C. A. Rodriguez, T. Grimes, A. Mitchell (skip).

W. Nicholson, A. Razack, L. C. Souza, F. J. Knott (skip).

Y. Abbas, R. Beer, W. T. Brightman, W. Mussett (skip).

CUP "FEVER."

100,000 AT WEMBLEY TO-DAY.

THE EXPERTS' FORECAST.

London, April 22.

Fair weather and a fast open game are the features of the final survey of the prospects of to-morrow's Anglo-Welsh Cup Final battle at Wembley which will be witnessed by nearly a hundred thousand people, headed by H.M. the King, many peers and commoners, and other prominent persons including the Lord Mayors of London and Cardiff. Gates will open at 11.30 a.m. Proceedings begin at 2.30 p.m. by community singing including "Land of Our Fathers" and the National Anthem.

Experts are divided, though the balance in forecasts probably favour Cardiff, rather than the Arsenal.—Reuter.

BELOW FORM.

NG SZE-KWONG IN THE SINGLES.

YOUNGSTER'S DISPLAY.

Champion for several years till 1924, Ng Sze-kwong was below form yesterday in the 3rd round of the open singles in the H.K.C.C. annual tennis tournament.

J. W. Leonard, a very promising young player, showed a fine knowledge of the game, varying between the spectacular at the net and shrewd placing from the base-line. The ex-champion's length was at fault but he recovered after losing the first set and having to go to 14 games to take the second.

At the third time of asking, Ng Sze-cheung defeated Colonel C. Russell Brown, R.E. in the third round. Previously they had twice left off in failing light, in the fifth set. Yesterday, the Colonel lost in straight sets.

Yesterday's Results.

Open Singles. (3rd round):—

Ng Sze-cheung beat Col. C. Russell Brown 6-2, 6-4, 8-6; (4th round):—

Ng Sze-kwong beat J. W. Leonard 1-6, 8-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Open Doubles. (3rd Round):—

F. A. Redmond and Dr. R. E. Tottenham beat Hung Hual-chen and Cheung Tuck-wing 6-2, 6-2, 6-4; (4th round):—H. D. Rumjahn and S. A. Rumjahn beat M. K. Lo and Horace Le 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.

Club Championship: — (2nd round):—Major W. B. Stevenson beat Dr. W. L. Thomas 6-1, 6-1.

Handicap Singles (3rd round):—R. K. Valentine (rec. 4/6) beat S. E. Green (owe 15/3) 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.

Handicap Doubles:—H. Owen Hughes and E. Grimbly (rec. 4/6) beat P. E. Barker and J. F. Kennedy (rec. 15) 6-1, 6-3; R. M. Henderson and A. Brearley (owe 3/6) beat T. J. Price and E. R. Price (rec. 4/6) 6-2, 6-0.

To-day's Matches.

Open Singles:—H. D. Rumjahn v. F. A. Redmond (4th round).

Club Championship:—W. B. Cornaby v. L. Forster (2nd round):—Dr. J. R. Craig v. E. Grimbly (2nd round).

Handicap Singles "A":—R. M. Henderson (owe 2/6) v. T. D. E. Pendered (rec. 4/6).

Handicap Doubles:—J. N. Owen and E. E. Mimick (rec. 15) v. S. E. Green and D. S. Green (owe 3/6).

WORLD'S SCULLING TITLE.

So few world's championships are now held by Englishmen that any promising effort to gain one for Britain is worthy of support. Thus there should be a ready response to the appeal made for funds to send out H. Barry to Australia, to meet Major Goodsell, the world's professional sculling champion, in a match for the title, on the Parramatta.

Barry, who has never been beaten in a level sculling race, is considered by good judges to be equal to—if not better than—his uncle Ernest Barry, the former world's champion, and so his chances of success against Goodsell could scarcely be better, and it will be a pity if he does not get an opportunity of proving his worth.

NAVAL BASKET-BALL CHAMPIONS.

The basket-ball team of the U.S.S. "California" of the American Pacific fleet, who are the winners of the battleship championship for 1926 and 1927,

BRITISH GOLF.

THE NINE CRUSADERS FOR AMERICA.

A HOME TRIAL FIRST.

[By R. Enderby Howard.]

The first resounding note of the golf season has been struck by the selection of the nine players who are to represent Britain in the United States open championship at Oakmont, Pennsylvania, in June.

It is perhaps rather early to make definite choices for a campaign of three months hence, but it at least gives the nominees ample opportunity to practise and prepare. It remains to be seen what will happen if, in the interim, somebody who is not in the team beats all those who are in it.

I believe that the selectors were sorely puzzled to know what to do about some of the men who might at any moment leap into the first flight—and might not.

Long Drive "Burden."

For instance, there is Jack Smith, who is steadily living down his reputation of being merely the longest driver in the world (always a burden to a golfer because it makes people think that he can do nothing but drive) and winning recognition as an accomplished player of all the shots. Ad. yet, apart from his hitting, which would have stirred America like the efforts of baseball's Babe Ruth, he has not yet done the things that count in classic golf.

Then there is Percy Allis, certainly one of the best players in the country a year ago, but an unknown quantity since he took up a professional appointment in Berlin. Ernest Whitcombe, the most successful British professional of 1924, and H. A. Gaudin, who gained a tournament victory over Abe Mitchell last season, are others who have had to be included among the first reserves, although they have not been notified of that small consolation, because there is little likelihood of any of the chosen nine failing to join the expedition.

The "Daily Mail" Test.

The Americans, at least, see the stylists of British professional golf, from the dapper Mitchell, with his gift of stepping instantly into his stance and flicking the shot to its destination as a mere incident in a walk; the ponderous and pondering Archie Compston; the quick and upstanding Aubrey Boomer, Charles Whitcombe, and Arthur Havers, all of the rising generation, and the mercurial, highly strung George Duncan, to the bluff, easy-going and yet desperately earnest Edward Ray and Fred Robson, and that cheerful master of an unorthodox swing, George Gadd.

Of these Mitchell, Duncan, Ray, Compston, and Havers have previously played in the United States, while Roomer has recently been touring in the Argentine.

As Good a Chance.

All the same, there is one member of the selection committee who thinks that a first-time visitor, either Gadd or Charles Whitcombe, has as good a chance as anybody of winning on a typical American inland course, such as Oakmont.

Just before the departure of the team there will be complete test of British professional golf in the "Daily Mail" £1,200 tournament, the final stages of which will take place at Wentworth, Virginia Water, on May 11 and 12. The picking of the team could not possibly have been left till then, since the players would have been given only a week in which to make their arrangements to go to America, but it will be a disturbing circumstance for the selectors, if somebody outside their nine wins the tournament. Selectors, however, have to take big risks.

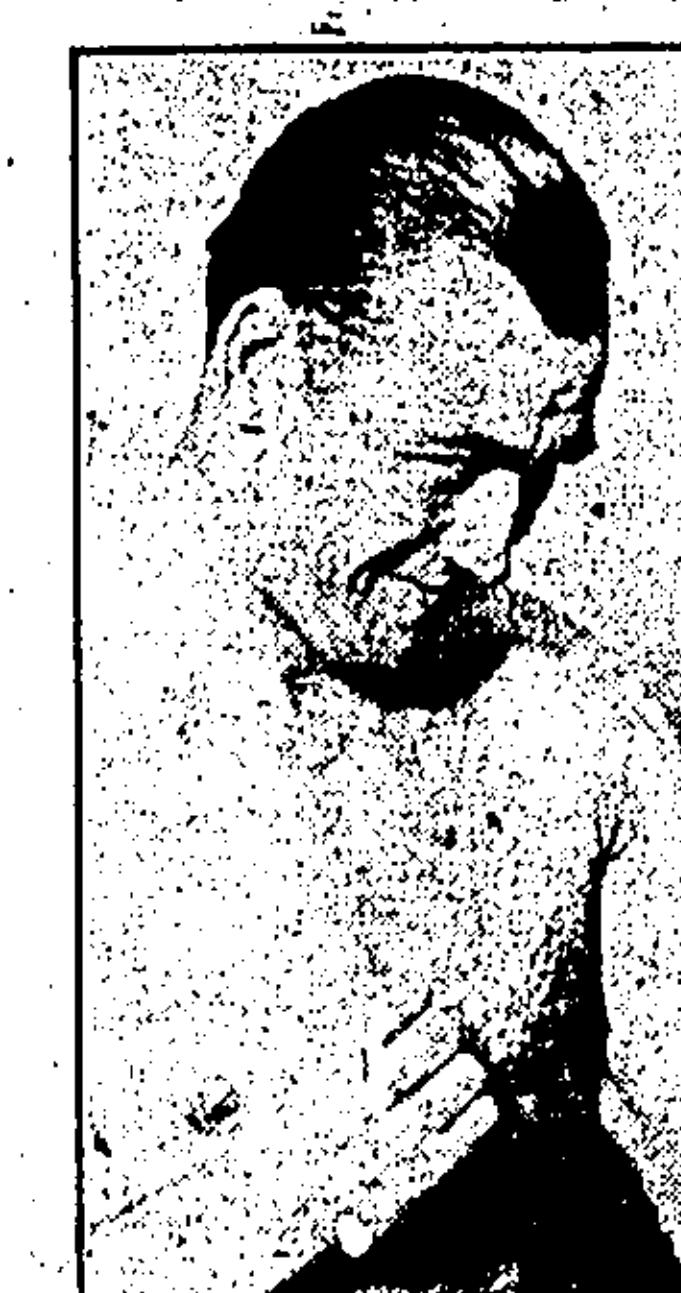
BOXER IN FILMS.

VICTOR McLAGLAN'S RISE TO FAME.

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When Jack Dempsey was still the heavy-weight champion, of the world he confessed to me (writes Mr. Trevor C. Wignall) that one of the regrets of his life was that he had been so unsuccessful as a fighter. It was his ambition at this time to become a celebrated film actor. It will be remembered that about three years ago this desire prompted him to sink some of his fortune in a film company, to undergo an operation on his nose so that it could be made more presentable, and to blossom out as a "movie" star. It will also be recollected that as a rival to Valentino and others he was a failure.

All this returned to my mind when I read that Victor McLaglen, one of the most disappointing heavyweight boxers ever Britain has known, had swept the United States into enthusiasm, and was in the act of similarly sweeping Lon-



LEGEND VERIFIED.

TREASURE FIND AT OLD PRIORY.

14,000 COINS IN EARTHEN JAR.

A discovery of great historical value was made near Barbezieux, in the department of the Charente, when workmen digging in the park of an old chateau brought to light a huge earthenware receptacle.

This contained 14,000 coins bearing the effigies of Henry IV. (1563-1610), Louis XIII. (1610-1643) and Gaston of Orleans.

The treasure was found near the ruins of the chapel of the former priory of St. George de Rifacon, which last century was transformed into a chateau.

Curiously enough, an old legend attached to this chateau, according to which a treasure had been hidden inside the park of the old priory 30 yards from one of the walls.

Search for Treasure.

The proprietor of the chateau during the last century had searched for this hidden treasure, but without result.

Quite accidentally, while digging the foundations for a garden kiosk, workmen discovered the treasure, exactly 30 yards from the wall surrounding the park.

Some of the coins are of gold, many of silver and bronze.

They had been carefully placed in rolls wrapped in parchment.

The majority of the coins are double Tournois, a coin equivalent to 40 sous or two francs, which was made at Tours up to the 18th century. All the coins are very well preserved.

Further searches are being made in the park by archaeologists of the district.

ATLANTIC FLIGHTS.

New York, April 22.

The preparations of the aspirants for the \$25,000 prize offered for the first airman to complete the Paris-New York or New York-Paris non-stop flight is assuming the character of a race in view of the news that Captain Nungesser, the famous French "ace" is preparing for an early attempt to fly from Paris.

The news has incited the backers of the civilians, Bert Acosta and Lloyd Bertaud, to speed up their preparation in order that they may take off at the earliest possible moment. — Reuter's American Service.

VACCINATION FIGURES.

Lucky Defeats.

It is stated that McLaglen to-day is one of the highest-paid film actors in the world; that his salary is over £20,000 a year; and that he is on the smooth road that leads to millionaire-dom.

If this was so he must be thanking his stars that in 1919, at the National Sporting Club, Frank Goddard knocked him out in three rounds, and that in the following year, in the same building, Arthur Towney deposited him on his broad back in the seventh round.

The last time I met him was in a restaurant in Piccadilly a little more than a year ago. He had given up boxing then—was ready, as a matter of fact, to admit that he was no good at it—and it is betraying no secret to state that his adventurous life had given him so little in the way of compensation that he was wondering what on earth he should turn to next.

Beautiful Broken Nose.

Dempsey, a great boxer, failed as a film actor. McLaglen, a poor and crude fighter, and with a beautifully broken nose—a feature that was a grief to Dempsey—as a portrayer of human emotions climbs to heights that are only accessible to the very few. Life, it seems to me, is full of odd and romantic twists.

Yet there was a time when McLaglen, the son of a bishop and one of six massive brothers, looked like setting the pugilistic Thames on fire. It was just before the war, and the venue, I think, was the West London Stadium. McLaglen, fresh from some revolution or another (he was, in his own words, always looking for trouble and excitement), was matched with Dan McGoldrick

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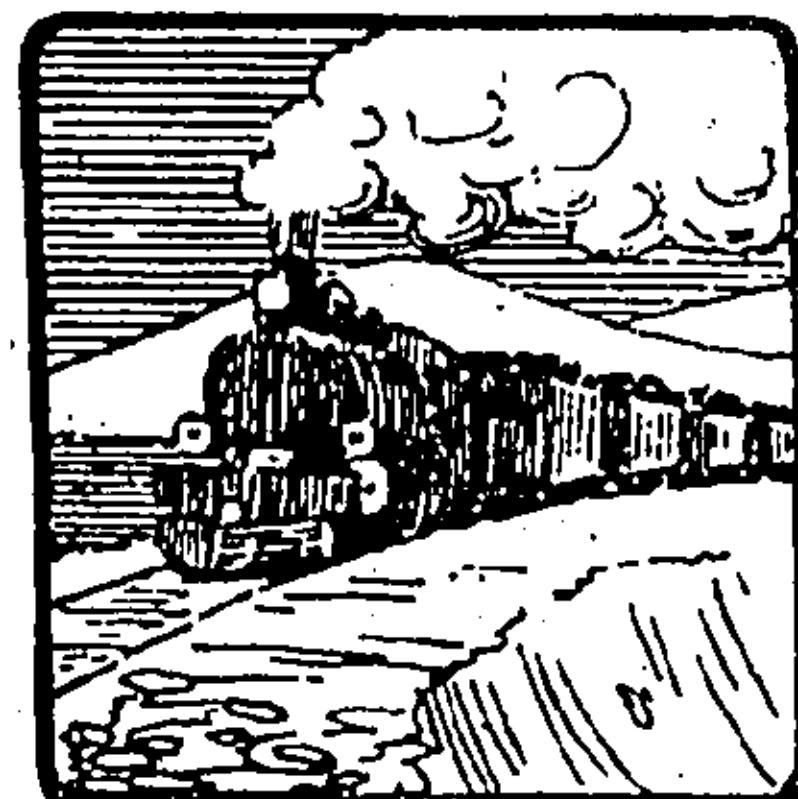
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MOTORING SECTION

DRIVING POINTS.
SOME INTERESTING HINTS.

Why is it that many a man who at golf will never rest content until he can be reasonably certain of achieving a clean drive or a long putt, or who will make endless experiments in order to improve the quality of reception afforded by his wireless set, so often contents himself with a low, or, at any rate, mediocre, standard of attainment in the handling of his car? (asks the "Motor").

Many people, after years on the road, are no more proficient in the finer points of handling a car than is the motorist of a fortnight's standing; one is driven to the conclusion that they do not realise the great increase in the pleasure and safety of running a car which follows from the ability to drive it really well. It may be true that the really expert driver is born and not made, but, nevertheless, anyone of average intelligence can quite quickly improve his or her driving methods, given a little practice and enthusiasm.

Many people lack a sufficiently high standard of comparison; they have never sat beside a real expert at the wheel, and consequently fail to realise their own shortcomings.

Enthusiasm for improving one's standard of driving also comes with results, as in the case in games; thus, once a driver has succeeded in changing down quietly and rapidly at 30 m.p.h., he will never again be content to stagger up the same hill in top gear or to fumble his gear-change. Gear-changing should in fact, be a pleasure; the writer will not readily forget the thrill of real enjoyment obtained when he first made a successful change down from top to third on a sports model at 50 m.p.h.

Take even the simple processes of starting and stopping a car, which are easy enough to carry out after fashion; observation shows that very few drivers trouble to start and stop their cars to any degree of finesse. When getting away, smoothness should be the object, and the majority of modern cars are fitted with clutches which, if handled properly, will pick up the load so gradually that no shock is experienced. Rough use of the clutch pedal is a common fault.

It is, of course, also important to handle the throttle very carefully, so that the engine is neither stalled nor allowed to rev. unduly. Here, in the opinion of the writer, many drivers would do well to make greater use of the hand throttle control, which they would find much easier to operate skilfully than is the ordinary accelerator pedal.

Rolls-Royce drivers, incidentally, are always taught to get away on the governor control, rather than the accelerator pedal, and this control is, in many ways, similar in its action to the hand throttle lever of the ordinary car.

Having got the car under way it is advisable to practise changing up from first to second, and from second to top at various speeds until the smoothest possible acceleration is attained. Getting away on an upward gradient requires even greater care if quiet changes and smooth acceleration are to be achieved.

Getting Away Up Hill.
Then there is the question of starting a car from a standstill on a really steep upward slope. This involves careful use of the hand brake, which should be eased off gradually as the clutch pedal is being released, so that the clutch picks up the load just as the brake is being freed, the engine, in the meantime, being revved to an extent just sufficient to prevent it from stalling. Common mistakes here are: Stopping the engine by insufficient revving or engaging the clutch too suddenly, and, worse still, allowing the car to run backwards, which may well result in a collision with a vehicle behind.

The matter of bringing a car to a standstill is another apparently simple operation, but one which is frequently carried out in a very amateurish fashion. Apparently, people simply will not devote half an hour to practising pulling up at the near-side kerb, so that one sees cars being left by owner-drivers with the wheels a couple of feet or more from the edge of the road, or, as often as not, the car sticking out at an angle into the roadway. In such positions it is taking up undue space, and presents a very untidy appearance.

Parking a Car.

The object should, of course, be

to stop the car with the near-side wheels an inch or so from the kerb but the tyres should not actually be allowed to rub along the kerb.

Some drivers make the mistake of maintaining high speeds up to the last minute and then apply their brakes very violently, but it is much better, although less dramatic, to pull up gradually, so that the passengers do not experience any forward jerk. It will usually be found that a smoother stop results if the clutch and gear lever are left alone until the speed of the car is reduced to walking pace, the clutch then being disengaged to avoid startling the engine?

The most shocking mistakes, however, arise when endeavours are being made to park a car in a limited space. Suppose, for instance, that there is a long line of stationary vehicles with a gap between two of these, perhaps some 18 ft. long, in which the owner-driver wishes to insert his 13 ft. vehicle. Time and again one sees him endeavouring to drive into such a space forward, with the result that, when his radiator is up against the car in front, his rear wheels are still well out into the road, and no amount of reversing to and fro will improve matters.

The correct procedure is to back into the space available at an angle, the front wheels being finally put on full lock when the tail of the car is almost in the desired position. In this, as in other matters, the owner-driver will be well repaid by making a few experiments, say, by marking two points on the kerb some 15 ft. or 20 ft. apart, and then endeavouring to reverse into position between them.

Negotiating Corners.

The negotiation of corners is another matter deserving considerably more care and attention than most drivers imagine to be necessary. In taking a bend where walls or hedges obscure the view, there would appear to be two methods in common use, some people hugging the nearside edge of the road while others keep more to the crown of the road, because, by so doing, their range of vision forward is increased.

A middle course is probably the safest, the car being kept sufficiently far out to give a reasonable range of vision, while it is sufficiently near the left-hand kerb to avoid risk of collision with an oncoming vehicle. Right-angle corners in city and suburban streets are often taken much too wide, so that the car swings round well into the middle of the road and the risk of accident is thus increased.

The great thing is to approach such a corner not too near the left-hand kerb (when about to turn to the left), the car being steered so that the near-side rear wheel just misses the kerb at the corner. In this way, when the corner has been taken, the car will be well to the left of the road.

In many cases the car must be slowed to a crawl in order to make sure that no traffic is approaching, before actually taking a right-angle turn, and a change-drivers change gear while slowing for the corner, but the writer believes that a more pleasant result is obtained by changing just at the instant when the way is seen to be clear before accelerating.

Turning off a busy main road into a side street on the right is another operation which is often very badly done. The most common mistake is to slow up well to the near side with the right arm extended, the result being that the driver of overtaking vehicles pass in a long continuous stream without giving the baulked driver much chance of executing his intentions with safety. It should surely be obvious that the right procedure is to keep to the crown of the road, with the right arm extended, thus giving other drivers an opportunity to overtake to the left while a chance of crossing to the right is being awaited.

Controlling the Spark.

The control of the advance and retard lever is too often neglected; in most cases, the top-gear performance of a car can be materially improved by making proper use of this device, although some engines are much more susceptible to the timing of the spark than others. The ignition should be retarded when it is desired to proceed slowly on top gear, and then, when accelerating away, it should be advanced as the speed increases.

The operation of passing other cars is another detail requiring study, and while to cut things too fine is to run needless risks, it is probably equally dangerous to swing out widely and leave an absurdly large space to the left.

Bringing Up Father.

Some people seem to take a malicious pleasure in driving back to the near side of the road much too quickly, after drawing ahead of another vehicle, but this mistake is, no doubt, often due to ignorance.

The relative speed of one car passing another is often only about 10 miles an hour, so that time must be allowed to get well ahead of the overtaken vehicle before resuming the near side of the road. It naturally follows that, if traffic is approaching, the driver desiring to overtake must make sure that it is sufficiently far away to give him plenty of time.

So much has been written about gear changing that it is sufficient to say that double declutching is a much easier operation than is commonly believed, and one which certainly repays practice by the results obtained. A quick change to a lower gear may be required either for rapid acceleration in traffic or during the ascent of a hill, and the ability to effect it rapidly and with absolute certainty should be regarded as an essential qualification in any driver, and not as a trick only to be expected from the expert. Many people make the mistake of dabbing the accelerator pedal during the double declutching process, whereas it is really much easier (although it entails a quicker movement of the pedal and gear lever) simply to hold the accelerator pedal in position, allowing the engine to rev up while the double declutching and gear shifting operations are being carried out.

Clutch stops are not now commonly fitted, but on cars which employ them, they should be understood and used by the driver. This is mentioned because the writer has known more than one case of a driver who had great difficulty in changing gear because he had no idea that a clutch stop was fitted to his car, the action of which depended on the extent to which the clutch pedal was depressed. Once he had learned that the pedal should be fully depressed when changing up, and only partially depressed when changing down, he was delighted with the ease with which he could change gear.

Driving in Reverse.

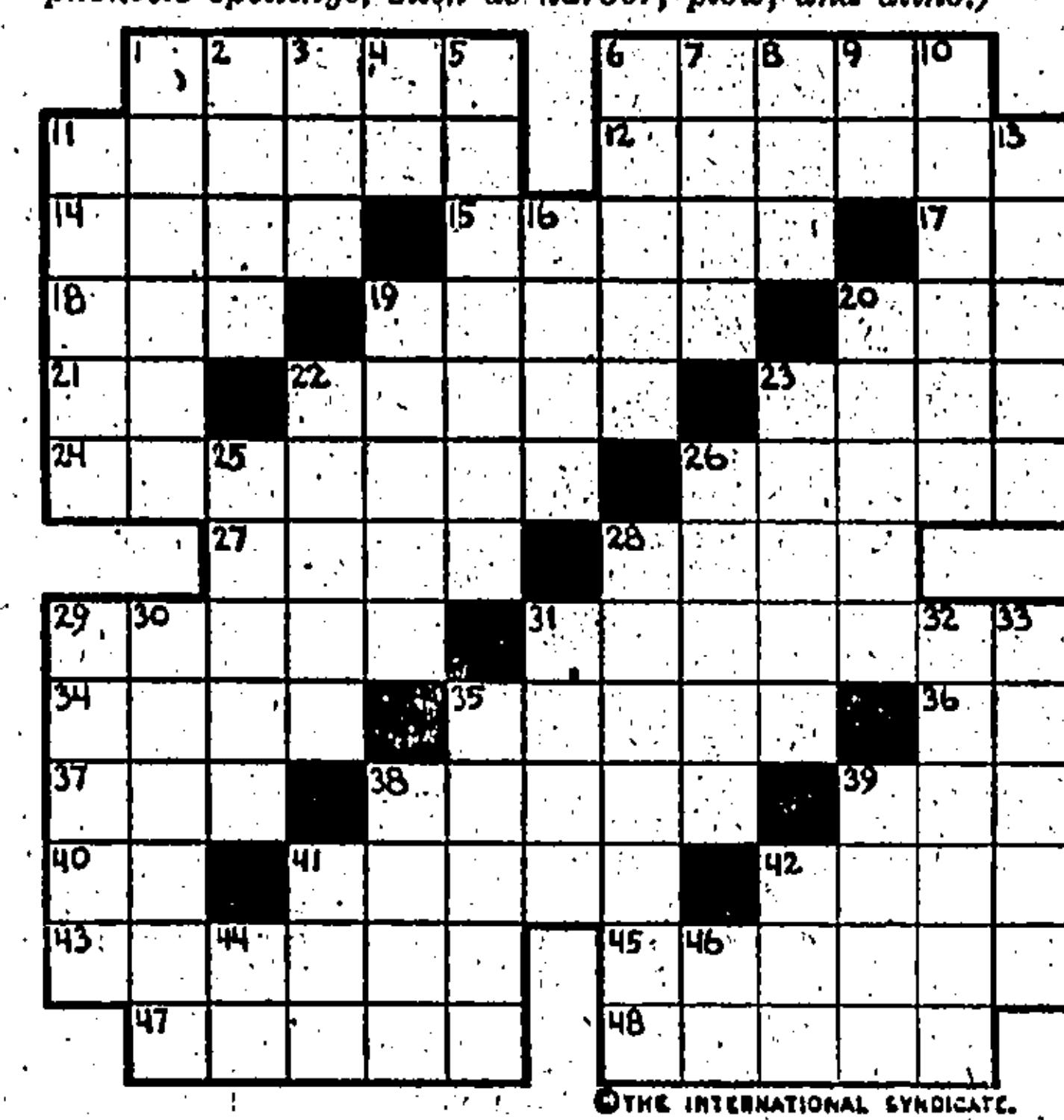
Gear changing is a good test of a driver's abilities, but almost equally searching is a trial of the confidence with which he can control a car running backwards. Driving a car in reverse was in fact an Army test for several years during the war. Reversing at any time but a crawl is, of course, not often required, but the ability to control a car with confidence when it is running backwards at speed may prove very useful indeed in an emergency—say on a steep hill. Again, a car must often be driven in reverse when manoeuvring in a confined space; for example, if it be desired to turn round in a narrow roadway. In such circumstances many drivers make the mistake of using only a portion of the full steering lock available, so that instead of getting round with one reversal, they go to and fro across the road perhaps half a dozen times. This can usually be avoided by using full lock in each direction, the steering wheel being shifted quickly as soon as the car gets on the move.

Controlling Skids.

Lastly, there is the matter of the avoidance and control of skidding. Some cars are, of course, much steadier on a slippery road than others, but the fact that most drivers are unnecessarily nervous of a skid is clearly shown by their slow rate of travel on a wet day. This nervousness largely arises from the fact that they have never troubled to learn how to control a skid, preferring to crawl along in the hope that this contraption will not occur. The first point to grasp is that the adhesion available to prevent skidding of the rear wheels is only the balance left when acceleration or braking has been provided for; in other words, sudden brake application or a sudden release of the throttle opening both reduces the ability of the rear wheels to prevent tall wagging. Space will not permit of a lengthy description of the ways in which skids can be controlled, but, in this matter, a little practice is worth paces of theory, so that the owner-driver can practise on a slippery and deserted road on a wet day with the idea of putting in an hour's practice in its control. This is the principle to follow: When the tail wags, leave the

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
1-Gleamy
2-Mister (India)
11-Pertaining to the
as—
12-Thought
14-Ardor; dash (Fr.)
15-Little valleys
17-Observe
18-Girl's name, shortened
19-Shaded retreat
20-Obscure
21-Preposition
22-Wood plants
23-Untrammeled
24-Closet
25-Caste
27-Shut out
28-Snare
29-Name notion
31-Play
32-Child
33-Garden
34-Dale's brother
35-Garden vegetable
36-Contradict
37-A fish
38-Weird
39-An exclamation
40-Pronoun
41-Profit
42-Mean; low
43-Core
44-Prepared for publication
45-Shaded retreat
46-Those who dye
47-Outer garments
48-Outer garment
49-Prepositions for
50-Consumed
51-Play
52-Lifts
53-Horse
54-Carrion
55-Always
56-Destiny
57-A mimie
58-Possessive pronoun
59-Preposition
60-(abstr.)

VERTICAL (Cont.)
10-Contradict
11-garden product
13-Arched roof
16-Intelligible
19-Scene of combat
20-Decorate
22-Path
23-Whips
25-Man's name
26-A bird
28-Follower
29-Borderer
30-Lessened
31-Persian fairy
32-Lifts
33-Horses
35-Carrion
38-Aways
39-Destiny
41-Consumed
42-Chiffon napkin
44-E. State of U.S.
45-(abstr.)
46-Accomplish

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs to each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

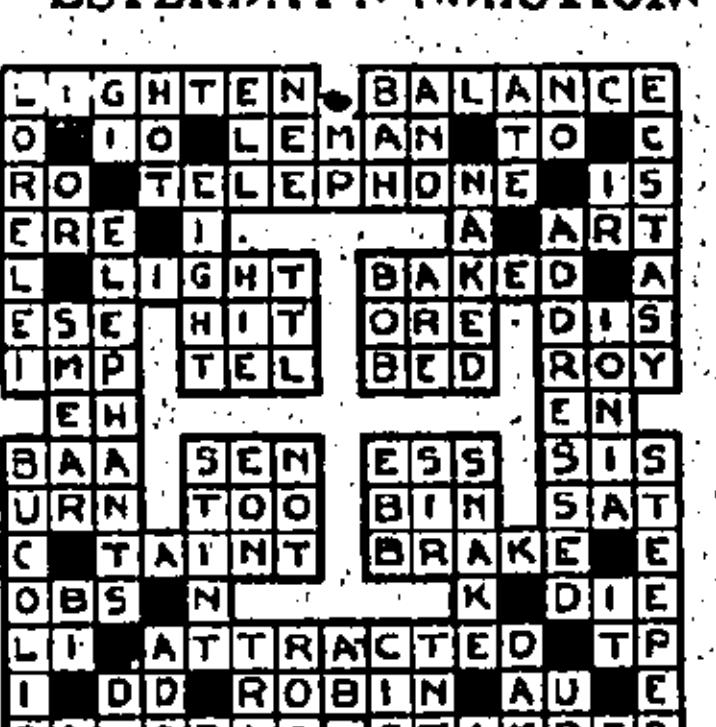
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brakes alone and hold the accelerator pedal in such a position that the engine is not driving the car and neither is the car driving the engine. Then, if the rear wheels continue to slide, turn the steering sharply as if steering the car to that side of the road to which the tail is sliding.

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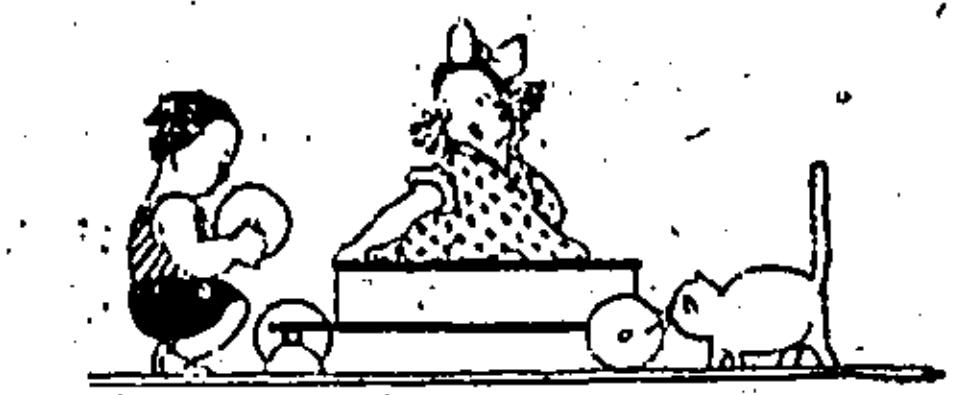


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NATIONALIST SPLIT.

Some Who Count & Some Who Don't.

KUOMINTANG PERSONALITIES.

Personalities count for a great deal in Chinese politics at the present moment.

When Dr. Sun Yat-sen died, the loss of his influence on the Kuomintang Party was acutely felt. Then the Party's scope did not extend even to the whole of Kwangtung province. The non-Cantonese mercenaries who paved the way to the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen's last return to Canton soon became offensive but they were routed.

Just about this time, General Chiang Kai-shek's name became prominent but his power numerically was not strong. His Whampoa Cadets soon established a name for themselves as the best of troops in South China. Most of the old-time supporters of Dr. Sun Yat-sen were forced to become exiles. Junior members of the Kuomintang Party who did not see eye to eye with the commander-in-chief also left the province.

Wheels Within Wheels.

With Russian aid, Chiang Kai-shek established a comparatively sound government and then set out on his expedition against the North.

There were several rival cliques in the Kuomintang. Chiang Kai-shek played them off against one another to improve his own position.

There never was any open quarrel until about six weeks ago when the Hankow politicians openly questioned Chiang Kai-shek and he replied in an historical speech at Nanchang in which he denounced the Communists and declared himself ready to be shot if he was proved unfaithful to Dr. Sun Yat-sen's "Three Great Principles."

Rumours were current of disagreement in the Nationalist ranks, developing into a cleavage of a definite character between Chiang Kai-shek's partisans and the Hankow Extremists.

Avoiding the Mob.

Much remains to be told regarding the momentous conclave of the Central Executive—that sweeping gloom of last month. Present indications are that it will prove of more importance in the future of the China conflict than a military success or defeat for one side or the other.

That conference of the Central Executive should have been held at Nanchang but the politicians quibbled. General Chiang Kai-shek refused to attend at Hankow as he did not relish the atmosphere of a city which reeked with the violence of the Soviet inspired mob which broke into the British Consession in January.

Those With Borodin.

As one observer aptly points out, the Nationalist Government was known to have been divided as follows:

On the one side Mr. Eugene Chen, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, sought in his relations with Great Britain, to apply the Nationalist policy in a temperate spirit, and with the avoidance of extremes. He had a certain amount of support among other members of the Government and that of General Chiang Kai-shek. Against him were George Hsu Chien, Sun Fo, and others, with at the back of them Borodin, the Russian Communist adviser. They have been engaged latterly in attempts to undermine the influence of Chiang Kai-shek, and went to the length of denouncing him as a Chinese Napoleon and a would-be dictator.

Army Against Labour.

In the one place Chiang Kai-shek had the support of the army, in the other the opposition were as strongly entrenched behind labour.

General Chiang made it a condition of his attendance at Hankow that the elimination of all Russian influence from the party would be considered. The opposition, at the instigation of Borodin, no doubt, strongly resented this.

The upshot was that with not a member of the Right wing of the party in attendance at the Hankow conference, Chiang Kai-shek had his wings severely clipped.

On the Moscow Plan.

Deprived of the influential posts of chairman of the Political Council, the Standing Committee and the Military Council, his supreme authority as commander-in-chief of the Cantonese Army was also replaced by a military council on the Moscow plan, composed of heads of the Executive Committee.

In fact he was shorn of all power, and the entire organisation of the Kuomintang was placed upon a purely Soviet basis, without dispute.

With the ascendancy of the extreme element based upon Hankow it follows that all who regarded General Chiang as their leader have had their powers similarly curbed.

Mr. Eugene Chen's Scheme. This may account for the strange comparative silence during the last few stirring weeks of Mr. Eugene Chen.

Mr. Chen came suddenly into the limelight over the British Concession at Hankow, and now that some sort of settlement has been reached he seems to have as suddenly vanished behind the scenes.

With Wuhan, Ningpo, Nanking and Shanghai and their vast foreign interests in the forefront of Nationalist objective, the silence of Mr. Chen raises a suspicion that he may also have had his wings clipped. It is known that in the reshuffle of offices General Chiang's chief political lieutenant has been eliminated.

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